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Final Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 21-0387 Date: October 7, 2021 **Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Woodrow Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely Sen. Rodriguez Fiscal Analyst: Clare Pramuk | 303-866-2677 clare.pramuk@state.co.us REMEDIES IN CLASS ACTIONS CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT **Bill Topic:** Summary of □ TABOR Refund **Fiscal Impact:** □ Local Government ☐ State Transfer ☐ Statutory Public Entity This bill would have amended the Colorado Consumer Protection Act to allow a successful plaintiff in a class action case to recover actual damages, injunctive relief allowed by law, and reasonable attorney fees and costs. It may have minimally increased state revenue and expenditures on an ongoing basis. **Appropriation** No appropriation is required. Summary: **Fiscal Note** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, Status: the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

This bill amends the Colorado Consumer Protection Act to allow a successful plaintiff in a class action case to recover actual damages, injunctive relief allowed by law, and reasonable attorney fees and costs.

State Revenue and Expenditures

This bill may minimally increase revenue and expenditures for trial courts in the Judicial Department from an increase in civil class action filings. Revenue from filing fees is subject to TABOR. The increase in expenditures can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

TABOR refunds. Under the December 2020 Legislative Council Staff Economic and Revenue Forecast, the state is not expected to collect revenue above the TABOR limit in either FY 2021-22 or FY 2022-23, and refund obligations are not anticipated for these years. This bill does not change these expectations concerning refunds to taxpayers.

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Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee on March 18, 2021.

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